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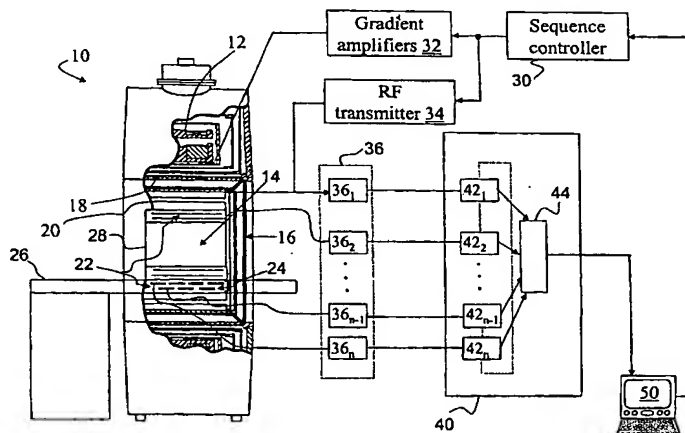
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(54) Title: EFFICIENT MAPPING OF RECONSTRUCTION ALGORITHMS FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING ONTO A RECONFIGURABLE RECONSTRUCTION SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: A magnetic resonance (MR) system (10) includes radiofrequency (RF) transmitters (34) which send RF pulses into an examination region (14) to excite a spin system to be imaged. Coil elements (20, 24, 28) pick up an MR signal, which is demodulated and converted into digital data by RF receivers (36). A plurality of independent parallel processing channels (42<sub>1</sub>, 42<sub>2</sub>, ..., 42<sub>n</sub>) is operatively connected to the RF receivers to reconstruct images from the digital data. The parallel processing channels (42<sub>1</sub>, 42<sub>2</sub>, ..., 42<sub>n</sub>) include one or more pipeline stages (54<sub>1</sub>, 54<sub>2</sub>, ..., 54<sub>n</sub>). Processing channels and pipeline stages include a plurality of processing or reconstruction units (52). Processing tasks are dynamically allocated to these processing or reconstruction units on a per scan basis using a single general strategy for mapping processing tasks to hardware resources. The connections (56) between the processing or reconstruction units (52) are reconfigured using a switching means (60). In this manner, different numbers of coil elements (20, 24, 28) can be connected with matching numbers of processing channels (42<sub>1</sub>, 42<sub>2</sub>, ..., 42<sub>n</sub>) to exploit available processing resources optimally.



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